violated the guidelines of ABBF by doing product endorsement i.e. having posed for a food supplement product that was published in a Health magazine of India.

**Consumption of Drugs by Indian Athletes**

†1192. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of complaints regarding consumption of drugs by the Indian athletes during some of the last international events have been received;

(b) if so, the total number of such incidents, which have come to light, so far;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such incidents have degraded India in the international arena; and

(d) if so, the action taken so far by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHA KRISHNAN): (a) Yes,Sir.

(b) Six sportspersons have been found positive for use of prohibited substance during the last 2-3 years.

(c) and (d) it can't be denied that such incidents detract from our sports-image at the international level. The issue of doping has engaged serious concern of the Government and the following measures have been taken to prevent use of the prohibited substances by the sportspersons.

- Strict instructions have been issued to the coaches, attached with the campers, to educate and regularly counsel the players against use of the banned drugs.
- Lectures are conducted by the Sports Medicine doctors at Netaji Subhash Chandra National Institute of Sports (NSNIS), Patiala and other regional centres, where camps are held, to educate the players not to use any banned drugs.
- Each camper is provided with documents, brochures about the banned substances.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

- List of banned drugs and prohibited substance are put in placards in the rooms of the campers for their education in this behalf.
- Rooms and belongings of the campers are also searched and checked at regular periodicity to see that no banned drugs are used.
- Random tests are carried out in camps, during trials, national championships and prior to participation in international events.
- A high level committee, under the chairmanship of former Secretary (Youth Affairs & Sports)-Shri S.S. Sharma has been constituted. The committee has been asked to give its report in three months. Further measures will be considered, after the committee submits its report.

**Disqualification of Medal Winners due to Malpractices**

1193. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national prestige has been lowered during the recent Commonwealth Games, when two Indian medal winners were disqualified, owing to malpractices;

(b) whether enquiry report into the drugs scandal has been received; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the coach and the players involved in drug scandal and to ensure that such scandals are not repeated in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The Director General, Sports Authority of India (SAI) had instituted a One Man Inquiry committee to inquire into the incidents of two weightlifters, Shri Sateesha Rai and Shri K. Madasamy, who had tested positive for use of prohibited substances, at the Manchester Commonwealth Games-2002. The committee had submitted its report but on its examination it was found that some vital issues pertaining to the incidents had not been adequately gone into. Director General, SAI was accordingly, requested to further inquire into the matter for fixing responsibility. Further action will be considered after receipt of the inquiry report. In the meantime SAI has taken following action on this incident:

1. Shri K. Manilal, coach of SAI, who was attached with the national Coaching Camp for Weightlifting was placed under suspension.